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SUBJECT: JORDAN PM DEMARCH ON UNRWA DEFICIT

REF: AMMAN'S 1759

1. DURING COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION THIS MORNING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA, HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING CIARO MARCH 24. I ASKED IF HE WAS AWARE THAT JORDANIANS MIGHT RAISE QUESTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA. HE SAID HE WAS COGNIZANT OF THIS POSSIBLITY AND ARDENTLY HOPED THAT PRIMIN RIFAI WOULD TAKE THE ACTION ENVISAGED. TAQLA ADDED HE HAD BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SIR JOHN RENNIE AND OTHER UNRWA OFFICIALS AND
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SAID HE WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT JORDANIAN ACTION.

HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH QADDOUMI OF PLO AND "OTHER PLO AUTHORITIES" AND DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE PLO REQ AT CAIRO MEETING, WHOM HE HOPES WILL BE QADDOUMI, SUPPORT JORDANIAN AND HIS ACTIONS. I COMPLIMENTED TAQLA ON HIS POSITION VIZ A VIZ JORDANIANS, CITING THAT IT WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF HIS PREDECESSOR. HE SAID THAT SITUATION WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT AND IT WAS RIDICULOUS FOR WEALTHY ARAB COUNTRIES NOT REPEAT NOT TO BEAR THEIR SHARE OF UNRWA FINANCING. TAQLA DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER HE HAD MADE HIS POSITION KNOWN TO JORDANIANS AND I NOTE THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT RIFAI WOULD MAKE THE DEMARCHE ENVISAGED.

2. I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF AMBASSADOR PICKERING DESIRED TO MAKE TAQLA'S POSITION KNOWN TO RIFAI.
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